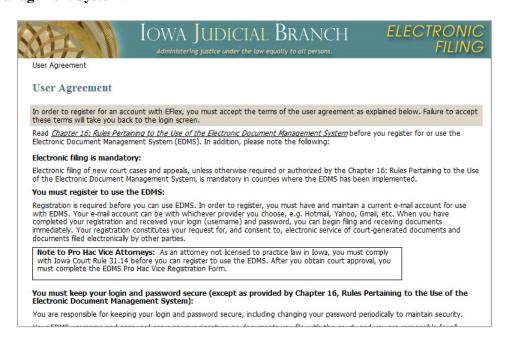
### Registering for an eFile Account

- 1. Open a web browser (not illustrated).
- 2. Enter the following URL https://www.iowacourts.state.ia.us/Efile or via the link provided on the Judicial Branch Homepage.
- 3. Click **Request Account**.



- 4. Read and review the **User Agreement**.
- 5. Read and review the Chapter 16: Rules Pertaining to the Use of the Electronic Document Management System.





6. Click the acceptance radio button to acknowledge the User Agreement and Chapter 16 Rules.

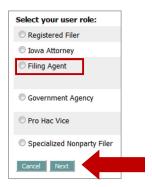


- 7. Click Submit.
- 8. Select **Filing Agent** as the User Role.

#### Who may qualify to file as a Filing Agent per the Chapter 16 Rules?

Individuals that fall under the definitions in Rule 16.201 may be considered an Agent. An Agent is an officer, employee, or non-lawyer representative of an entity such as a partnership, association, corporation, or Tribe that is "otherwise authorized by law to be self represented in small claims and specified civil court cases."

The entity is considered a "self represented litigant" under the Rule 16.201 Definitions and is authorized to share its login and password with the agent ("an authorized member or staff of the entity") under 16.305(2)(b)(2) of the Chapter 16 Rules. Further information can be found in Iowa Code 631.14(1): In re N.N.E., 752 N.W.2d 1, 12-13 (Iowa 2008).



- 9. Click Next.
- 10. Select **Existing** and **scroll through and select** the desired organization. If the desired organization is not listed, click **New** and **enter in the Company Name**.

**Note:** If you are a Filing Agent for multiple companies, you must register once for each company



11. Click Next.

#### 12. Complete the required fields to set up a User Account.

*User Name* - select a unique user name. This will be what is used to log into the eFile system.

**Password** - choose a password that is at least 4 characters long

*Name* – enter in the first and last name of the agent, NOT the company name.

*Email* - this address will be used to receive courtesy notifications.

Alternate Email – include additional addresses to receive notifications

**Address** - My Company's Address will display for existing organizations. A new organization will need to enter in the appropriate fields.



#### 13. Click Submit.

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14. A confirmation page will display for the requested **User Account**. Click **OK**.



*Note!* An email confirmation will be sent to the registered email address when the registration has been approved.

#### Logging into an eFile Account

- 1. Return to the **Log In** page and enter the **User Name** and **Password**.
- 2. Click Log In.



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